



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Issaquah High School Conference Room

January 9th, 2015

Welcome and Call to Order – Anne Watanabe and Cyn Baumert

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed with these minutes.

President's Report - Cyn Baumert & Anne Watanabe

- **Welcome**

Anne Moore: The Performance Art Department is putting on *Beauty and the Beast* for their annual production this year. Performance dates are: March 4-7 at 7 pm with a 1 pm matinee on Saturday, March 7th. They are also doing a fundraiser which is a cabaret type show. This is being held Feb 5-6 at 6:30pm. Please share info with all of your friends.

Cyn: There was a PTA and the Principal meeting on Tuesday. This is where high school principals and PTA presidents meet and have a friendly round table discussion. Some of the high points included:

- The high school PTAs would love to partner on certain events
- Skyline principal is thinking of trying a tract style parent ed program
- Issaquah gave good tips to the other PTAs about how we get so many members to come to the GM meetings
- Andrea shared that she is so impressed with our ability to relay issues to her (like scheduling, library opening) that she doesn't know about

Secretary's Report – Ellen Dieken

- The November 2014 Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Burdette

- November Financial Reports – The Financial reports are attached to the minutes.

Highlights include:

\$10,263.93 in income (examples include: membership, corporate matching, pass the hat, SAT test, senior celebration)

\$4,358.68 in expenses (examples include: membership, SAT Test fees, Angel, senior celebration, credit card fees)

- December Financial Reports – The Financial reports are attached to the minutes.

Highlights include:

\$7,085.44 in income (examples include: senior celebration fees, corporate matching, SAT test fees, membership)

\$19,763.94 in expenses (examples include: student directories, SAT test fees, credit card fees, volunteer appreciation, Angel program, health room snacks, staff grants)

Committee Reports

Awards – Becky Gordon

- Please submit Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate nominations to Marni.

Volunteers- Ginger Wilfong

- Mock ACT/SAT testing is coming up and we are need of about 4 volunteers; test will be held on a Saturday. She will send out a request. She will check to see whether students can volunteer.
- 5 K is on Tuesday 1/13/15 at 9:55am; should expect around 600 runners; PTSA provides water and snacks. Parents won't be on the trail; staff only due to potential injuries.

ISF Liaison – Betsy Cohen

- The annual Nourish Every Mind Luncheon is coming up in May. Grants committees are busy judging the latest grant applications.

Advocacy – Danelle Gonzalez/Jody Mull

- The latest legislative session just started and lawmakers are working on the McCleary Decision: funding basic education. Where is the money going to come from (there is talk of implementing a state income tax)? Please contact your legislature to voice your opinion.
- Focus Day in Olympia: Monday, January 19th; both kids and parents are encouraged to attend.

Angel Program – Laurie Foreman

- We have had a very successful year so far: \$7000 given to 70 families in gift cards over the holidays; boosters gave them clearance logo wear items; some book club gave bundles of socks. They are opening the Angel closet today.

- Julie S has reached out to a group for food donations; they have gathered some bags that are available for students to take home for the weekend. They did a blanket drive and it was very successful.
- They are going to develop a “donation contact list” to send out very specific requests.

Reflections – Sandi Lum/Becky Gordon

- Tuesday night at 6:30 is district reception at district administration offices. 11 district finalists will find out then if they are moving onto the state level.

Fashion Show – Lisa Clawson/Stephanie Morton

- In December, ASB met with an auction “expert”. The charity they are raising dollars for is ‘Northwest Behavioral Associates’. MC for the event will be Howie McOmber. They are reaching out to the Issaquah Chamber and Rotary for donations/help with the auction. Most model positions have been filled and confirmed although they could still use a few more boys.
- Jan 14 will be the first model photo shoot. FB page and website is doing well. They have created a “fashion board” that is helping with the logistics.

Grant Review – Onti Rosen

- Report of After School Library use: there have been as few as 8 and as many as 25 students. We asked why kids were using it and most said “looking for a quiet place to work”. They have consistent EA staffing it now.
- Next round of grant applications are due on January 23rd.

Special Services Liaison – Sandi Lum

- The special ed basketball team is having a game Thursday, 1/15 at Issaquah High. Please come.
- The last special services info night for parents is on Thursday, 1/22 at Creekside Elementary from 6:30 - 8pm; reps from the ISD administration will be there to answer any questions.

Healthy Student – Dianne Bugge

- Application forms for Healthy Youth Video competition is on the PTSA website. The prize is up to \$1000

Senior Events – Tricia Jerue

- Baccalaureate is on June 10 at Mary Queen of Peace at 7 pm.
- The new security system is up and running

Community Service – Bertina Loeffler Sedlack

- She has been meeting with admin about the honor cord; she is going to do a volunteer fair to help students find ways to volunteer;

Student Printing (ad hoc) – Alison Meryweather

- There will be communications coming about this: This is the order for how students are to get a document printed: DECCA will be offering printing services for a nominal fee; if not available at the time of need, then student should go to the library and then to library/career center.

Principal – Andrea McCormick

- She let us know that they have revised their SIP goals: content area goal was adjusted to be a math focus since this is their student's biggest struggle. The support structure will remain the same as she reported last month.
- After School Library Opening: average numbers of kids is 14-15 (low of 7, high of 27).
- Student Printing: they have developed "printing guidelines" and have shared with staff to tell students.
- Upper parking lot: this is going away, temporarily for construction of IMS. This is going to happen on April 1st. They have been working on a plan to accommodate just seniors in the overflow lot. Juniors that have permits will be refunded and given options for off campus spots to park.
- Kelly Crickmore has asked us to donate a few more picture books for LRC2 students. Please drop off in the office.
- Principals and PTA meeting: she shared with the group that she is most impressed with IH PTSA's generosity to our in need population. She is also very thankful for getting information from parents first about issues they may have.
- It was brought to Andrea's attention that not all teachers are playing I-Vision; this is a very important mode of communication to students.

Vice Principal (re: state testing) – Tim Krieger

- State testing: lots of changes this year. Every student needs to pass state test in reading, writing, math and science. He went over the new requirements for 2015, 16, 17, 18 and 19 graduates. They will begin implementing Smarter Balance this year. For a full list of testing dates, follow this link:
<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/docs/default-source/district/assessment/state-testing-by-grade-for-2014-2015.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

Some of the highlights include:

- Standardized tests are aligned to what students are learning in the class. These tests serve as independent, objective measures of how students are doing. Clear, understandable test scores help teachers and parents work together to adjust their approach and better meet students' needs. Standardized tests also provide data that we use to determine, for example, what's working in special education, or whether race-or income- based achievement gaps continue to persist.

- Smarter Balanced tests assess the state's new Common Core learning standards. Both the standards and the new tests require students to apply their knowledge to real-world problems and write persuasively. The new tests will be administered online, giving students a better testing experience and returning results faster so teachers and parents can use the results to help students.
- Our current state exams measure basic skills. Smarter Balanced, reflecting Common Core standards, tests students at a college-and-career readiness level. Beginning in grade three, students are assessed to be sure they are on track to be college and career ready when they graduate from high school.

IHS Teen Health Counselor – Tori McBride

- Not able to come

IHS Friends of Youth Counselor – Jaclyn Lane

- Jaclyn is a substance abuse counselor. She is at Issaquah High on Wednesdays from 10:30-1:30. She has supposed to be providing 3 hours of group sessions but the needs seems to be more for individual sessions which can be anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour. She will get referrals from guidance counselors. She sees some kids on a regular basis and others just drop in. Please help get the word out that this service is available.

ASB Advisor – Erin Schiermeyer

- They will be using the same production company for TOLO (March 21st) as they did for Homecoming. There is now a sportsmanship committee tasked with coming up with ways to be better sportsmen.
- Jan 15, 27th Special Olympics events at 7 pm.
- Jan 15th: "Cramathon" (2:30-5:30); in preparation for finals; tutors available and snacks; free event
- Jan 20th: Martin Lutheran King Assembly
- Blood Drive: January 29th; there is another one in April (the blood mobile will be there for this one). You have to be at least 16 to donate.
- Sneaky Sneaker: Feb 5th. Funds collected will benefit the American Heart Association. This is being done with Skyline at Skyline.
- They are already getting ready for executive office elections for 2015-16 school year. There will be informational meetings coming soon (February).

Resource Officer – Karin Weihe

- She talked about the upcoming parking crunch (losing upper lot due to construction). You will be given a ticket if you are parked in the wrong site (\$25). Please remind kids not to leave valuables in their cars.
- She reported that there were several parties over New Years. Just a reminder: parents are responsible for any alcohol offenses involving minors.

- They can no longer hold juveniles with pot or alcohol possessions; parents are now called to come pick up.

Head of Security - Neal Lasher

- He thanked us for purchasing the Legend ID system. He has done a couple of staff trainings on the new system.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Ellen Dieken,

JHPTSA Secretary